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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue,NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This letter is to express my support for the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Justice Department.

Enough damage has been done to the company by the pursuit of an unjust law suit that should not have ever happened.

Microsoft has taken steps that give competitors a lot of what they wanted,although to some it is not enough.Further pursuit could damage Microsoft beyond recovery.

Not only has Microsoft been forced to give up proprietary products,it has cost the company and the shareholders money and has distracted management from its primary goal of managing the company.

Cordially,



John E.Echlin Jr.

cc:Senator Strom Thurmond